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SUBJ: EC NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ASSOCIATED AND COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLE

STATES: OPENING SESSION OF THE PRE-NEGOTIATION CONFERENCE.

1. SUMMARY. THE INITIAL SESSION OF THE PRENEGOTIATION CONFERENCE WAS LIMITED TO A PRESENTATION BY NORGAARD OF THE EC DECLARATION ON FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES. THE COMMUNITY MADE CLEAR ITS PREFERENCE FOR A SINGLE FORMULA ALONG THE LINES OF THE PRESENT YAOUNDE CONVENTION. IT AVOIDED USE OF THE TERMS "FREE TRADE AREA", "REVERSE PREFERENCES" OR "RECIPROCITY". IT REFERS ONLY TO FREE ENTRY FOR AFRICAN PRODUCTS IN THE COMMUNITY MARKET BUT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS BE ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS IN ORDER TO PREVENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THIRD COUNTRIES FROM CALLING THEM INTO QUESTION IN THE GATT. THE CONFERENCE WILL RECONVENE ON JULY 26 WITH A RESPONSE FROM THE ASSO- CIATED, COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER ELIGIBLE STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PRE-NEGOTIATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE EC AND AFRICAN, COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER INVITED STATES OPENED ON JULY 25 WITH A SPEECH BY EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT NORGAARD. THE TEXT OF THIS SPEECH, CONSTITUTING THE SO-CALLED DECLARATION OF THE EC, HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE EC COUNCIL ON JULY 24 (SEPTEL). THE TEXT IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY AIRGRAM.

3. THE COMMUNITY DECLARATION MAKES CLEAR EC PREFERENCE FOR A NEW EN- LARGED ASSOCIATION BASED ON THE YAOUNDE CONVENTION FORMULA INCLUDED

IN PROTOCOL 22 OF THE EC ENLARGEMENT TREATY. THE COMMUNITY BELIEVES THIS FORMULA SHOULD MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL ITS POTENTIAL PARTNERS. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMUNITY IS PREPARED, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO NEGOTIATE OTHER TYPES OF RELATIONS BASED ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FORMULAE INCLUDED IN PROTOCOL 22. THE COMMUNITY STATES THAT ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES NEED NOT MAKE A FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE CHOICE AT THE OUTSET OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THOSE WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY WISH TO OPT FOR THE SECOND OR THIRD FORMULA ARE FREE TO DO SO.

4. THE COMMUNITY INDICATES THAT IT HAS NOT ADOPTED A POSITION ON ALL QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE SPECIFIC IDEAS WHICH ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES MIGHT WISH TO PUT FORWARD. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMUNITY PRESENTED AN OVERALL PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. THE MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE FUTURE AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMUNITY ARE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

- A. TRADE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDING FOR THE FREE ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY OF MOST OF THE PRODUCTS OF THE ASSOCIATED STATES SUBJECT TO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE DEFINED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR SIMILAR AND COMPETITIVE AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS;
- B. THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTEREST OF THE ASSOCIATED STATES WHOSE ECONOMIES DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE EXPORT OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS;
- C. FINANCIAL AID, SECURING FOR THE ASSOCIATE AFRICAN STATES, MADAGASCAR AND MAURITIUS, ADVANTAGES, WHICH, OVERALL, ARE EQUIVALENT TO THOSE THEY CURRENTLY ENJOY, AND PLACING THE NEW ASSOCIATED STATES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING;
- D. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES THROUGH JOINT ASSOCIATION INSTITUTIONS. END QUOTE

5. WITH SPECIFIC REGARD TO TRADE ARRANGEMENTS THE COMMUNITY FURTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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STATES ITS POSITION THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS QUOTE WHOSE IMPORTANCE TO ASSOCIATED STATES IS FULLY RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMUNITY, SHOULD HAVE A CONTRACTUAL BASIS TO INSURE THEIR STABILITY IN SUCH A WAY TO PREVENT THIRD COUNTRIES FROM CALLING THEM INTO QUESTION, NOTABLY WITH REGARD TO THE GATT. UNQUOTE THE COMMUNITY GOES ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC QUOTE HAS NOT, HOWEVER, YET REACHED A FINAL VIEW ON THE TRADE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW CONVENTION AND WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR ANY VIEWS WHICH THE ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES WISH TO EXPRESS ON THIS POINT. THE COMMUNITY INTENDS TO REVERT TO THIS QUESTION IN THE INTERNAL PREPARATION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

6. THE DECLARATION THEN DESCRIBES COMMUNITY WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO PROTECT THE EXPORT REVENUE DERIVED FROM CERTAIN PRIMARY PRODUCTS, REVIEWS THE OPERATION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AS FORESEEN BY THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC FIGURES BEING PUT FORWARD, AND STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PRESENT YAOUNDE CONVENTION AND PROPOSES THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS UNDER ANY ASSOCIATION

WHICH MAY EVOLVE FROM THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS.

7. THE DECLARATION MAKES CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION WILL CARRY THE BRUNT

OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND RECOMMENDS THAT FORMAL
NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

8. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY DECLARATION
NIGERIAN TRADE MINISTER BRIGGS, SPEAKING FOR THE ASSOCIATED, COMMON-
WEALTH AND OTHER INVITED STATES, REQUESTED ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING
UNTIL JULY 26 SO THAT THESE STATES COULD DEVELOP A RESPONSE TO THE
COMMUNITY'S PRESENTATION.

9. IN ADDITION TO FURTHER REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS, WE WILL REPORT
CONFIRMED INFO ON PARTICIPANTS, NORTH AFRICAN OBSERVERS, ETC.
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